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1. The President signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 on December 23, 2022, which includes a provision directing the Secretary of Defense to rescind the mandate that members of the Armed Forces be vaccinated against COVID-19. The Department of Defense (DOD) rescinded its mandate on January 10, 2023.

2. In alignment with the DOD, REFs (A) and (B) are cancelled. Effective immediately, the Coast Guard is stopping all involuntary administrative separations that resulted from violations of the lawful general orders to become vaccinated against COVID-19 included within REFs (A) and (B).

3. Further guidance on other administrative actions, including PCS and TDY transfer policies for unvaccinated members, is forthcoming.

4. Questions regarding this ALCOAST may be directed to Office of Military Personnel Policy (CG-133) at: HQS-PolicyandStandards@uscg.mil.

5. ADM Steven Poulin, Vice Commandant (VCG), sends.

6. Internet release is not authorized.

